

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE "HALL-MARK" IN THE PRODUCE TRADE.

It cannot be denied that the warranty principle in the marketing of produce is gaining ground in all progressive countries. Especially is this the case in connection with the export business. Sound commercial men are beginning to realize that trade may be immensely increased by the "hall-mark" of the producer's brand which guarantees the quality and assures the purchaser that he may rely upon the genuineness of the article. The producer the great value of grading and branding lies in securing permanent markets for his products, while it also secures to him a proper comparative value for his first-grade stuff. The experience of all countries in the beginning have been almost identical. A market has been reached by sending first-class goods and a fair trade secured, buyers being always disposed to look for quality that may be relied upon. This has been the first stage. The second opens when numbers of commercial people who only see immediate and personal service in the nature to take care of itself rush into the market on to the new market, take advantage of the name made in the beginning, and ruin the reputation of the trade. Every line of perishable produce exported from Australia has been subjected to these methods, and the producers have had to bear the severest penalties. Indeed steady markets are required for our surplus, the unscrupulous practices of some中间人 have broken the sequence in every case. What happened to our export butter is ancient history, and the developments in frozen and tinned meats are also well known to all who have been interested in the subject.

The editor of Mr. Robert Farwell, who appeared in our issue of Wednesday, is much to the point on this subject. Mr. Farwell, who has had a great deal of experience in the meat trade, is satisfied that grading and branding are the only means by which a proper and permanent business, both export and local, can be established. The same is true of the meat trade in the canned meat trade has reduced the reputation of these goods in other markets to a low level, and he claims that the Minister for Agriculture should have power practically to insist that no producer should sail under false colours. How far behind Sydney is in respect to this trade is indicated by the fact that our public authorities provide no means for turning out meat as it should be presented to the consumer. "Is it any wonder," asks Mr. Farwell, "that New Zealand meats are sought after and always command top prices, when they are properly dressed, cleanly handled, and graded?" Another question is, "Is it any wonder that the meat trade will 'respect' to tinned meats, with the exception of a few brands, we don't stand very high in the African markets. They have had such a lot of rubbish foisted on them under obsolete brands of factories that had not been working for years before that it had to go to the market against New South Wales' meat?"

Mr. Farwell, with many other practical men who have studied the progress of countries which have zealously guarded the good name of their products by rigid supervision, branding, and grading, advocates State control. No conclusive argument has ever been advanced in New South Wales to show that this is not the case. The Minister of Agriculture, who secured a bill to prohibit the sale of meat which had not been graded and branded, has been nominated to fill the vacancy on the A.C. committee.

The racing and trotting race meetings have been withdrawn from the Stockbridge Handicap to be run at Randwick on Saturday.

The well-known trainer, Mr. Smith, has announced his intention of leaving for Montebo at the end of the month, where he has leased a Denbury property. The horses were displayed for six months, and the owner, Mr. Gregson, has been cautioned. For suspicious running in the Handicap, Trot, J. A. Woodward and his mare were fined £100, and the owner £50. The horse from competing in trotting contests will be taken under the auspices of the Bega District Jockey Club.

Entries for Bega Club's five miles' race were paid for Saturday, 28th, on the draw.

CONVERSION OF ANNUAL LEASES.

BATHURST. Thursday.

At the sittings of the local land board, which have been continued during the past three days before Messrs. H. A. Crouch (chairman) and Mr. Anderson, the manager of the State Bank of New South Wales, no new applications for conversion of annual leases into improvement leases were received. The new rates will not be charged until the 1st of January.

Entries in connection with the annual lease of the Kensington Racing Club are due with the secretary (Mr. P. O'Meara) for the first two rounds as follows:

PENNANT AND B COMPETITIONS.

DRAW FOR THIS FIRST TWO ROUNDS.

SIXTEEN clubs have entered for the Pennant and B competitions this year in connection with the New South Wales Cup, and the draw for the B competition, in the latter case there is an increase of three clubs on the number for the first two rounds as follows:

PENNANT MATCHES.

THE FIRST ROUND.

Wednesday night, Mr. Crouch will be officially present at the racecourse at Bathurst for the draw.

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B COMPETITION.

FIRST ROUND, DECEMBER 19.

Waverley v. Maitland, at Maitland. Wednesday night, Mr. Crouch will be officially present at the racecourse at Waverley for the draw.

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B COMPETITION.

SECOND ROUND, JANUARY 9.

City v. Redfern, at Redfern. Wednesday night, Mr. Crouch will be officially present at the racecourse at City for the draw.

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FOOTBALL.

ARIMALDA. Thursday.

The final football match for the New South Wales Cup will be played at Arimalda on Saturday, December 26, between Wollongong and Warragul.

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SAILING.

SYDNEY DINGY CLUB.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

J. A. Scott, the secretary of the Melbourne Dingy Club, a communication was read from Mr. Mulligan, the manager of the Royal Yacht Club.

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In the Centennial Hall, Brisbane, to-night in connection with his election, appeared under the name of a good reception and a full dinner. He announced himself as an independent candidate. He adversely criticised Mr. Reid's policies.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE ELECTORAL ROLLS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday. Special courts of election appear to have been held in the Commonwealth to give time for the polling of the Federal elections completed their sittings in South Australia yesterday night. The total number of electors in the State is not yet available, but those for five districts have been compiled, and are as follows:—

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Adelaide .. 11,844 12,172 .. 24,016

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

A PARTY OF UNITY.

PERTH, Thursday. Sir John Forrest has succeeded in forming a party with the object of securing the return to the Senate of three candidates in favour of unity in the representation of the State. The candidates selected by the party are:—

Mr. F. C. Cavanagh, architect, of Perth. Mr. Samuel Forrester Moore, of Dongara, representing the Farmers' party. Mr. J. Wilkinson, Kalgoorlie, representing the mining and general interest.

Mr. Forrest, though not elected, has been connected with farming, squatting, and mercantile pursuits all his life. Mr. Moore has been a member of the Senate on two occasions, once in opposition to Mr. Moran, M.L.A.

There are now in the field: For the Senate, 2 M.L.A.s, 3 Farmers, 3 Farmers, and 3 Laborites.

For the House of Representatives: Mr. W. H. Vane, a member of the opposition, and a member of the Government, representing Perth. Mr. W. H. Carpenter, labour, is opposing Mr. Solomon, freemason, and Mr. C. Frazer, labour, is opposing Mr. Kirwan, freemason, for the gothic.

So far it may be said that in opposition to Sir John Forrest for the Senate, Mr. Moran for Cavanagh, Mr. Wilkinson for Moore, and Mr. J. H. Forrest is almost certain to be returned unopposed, as it is accepted on all sides that no candidate would stand the slightest chance against him.

LABOUR'S ORGANISATION.

WANT OF PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE.

ACTION BY THE SYDNEY LABOUR COUNCIL.

The necessity for better organisation in the metropolitan districts, and forthcoming elections was referred to at last night's meeting of the Sydney Labour Council, when a motion was carried that the Council should be called to allow the matter to be discussed was carried.

A delegate from the ice-carriers' Union, who is a member of the organising committee, said the want of practical assistance in the organisation work on behalf of Labour's selected men was not appreciated, and that all men should be assisted with the object of working up enthusiasm.

The whole of the workers should be brought in direct, and given the opportunity to work. He moved:—"That circulars be issued to all unions in the metropolitan area urging that they be advanced at every meeting until the day of election, and that members of societies be invited to attend the meetings."

After discussion the motion was carried. It was also resolved to forward the proposal to the political labour organising committee.

REVISION COURTS.

NORTH SYDNEY.

A Revision Court was held at North Sydney on Wednesday. Mr. K. H. D. M. presided, and dealt with a fair number of objections, transfers, and additional enrolments. The returning officer was also present. Very few transfers were made, and the total number of objections submitted by the returning officer was 8570, made up as follows:—

Portion of Ryde 1,200

St. Leonards 852

Wentworth 1,200

There were no objections in regard to the portion of the Northumberland Division within the North Sydney Federal Division.

The transfers and additional enrolments numbered 1,200, and the total number of transfers was 1,200.

PARKES.

A Revision Court for the electorate of Parkes was held at the Burwood Police Court yesterday. Mr. T. E. Macleod, returning officer, and Mr. J. W. Lees as the acting revision court clerk. The objections and alterations have been dealt with by the returning officer, and the business of the Court was completed. Mr. Macleod announced that he was behalf of Mr. Furnival that the list of electors had been carefully reviewed by the various registrars, names of people who had died having been expunged, names of those who had registered, and names of those entitled to insertion put into the supplementary lists. The most important alteration was the Rockwood asylums. The names as revised would be incorporated in the general electoral roll for Parkes.

WOLLONGONG, Tuesday.

At the sitting of the Court of Appeal, the Chisholm and Price were held on the 20th, and the result was:—Names added to the roll, 27,161.

SENATORIAL ELECTIONS.

Sir John See, in the Legislative Assembly yesterday, gave notice of his intention to move that on its next sitting day the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for certain matters relating to the election of senators, and to report to the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

The object of the measure is to fix the day on which the elections for the Senate shall be held.

LIST OF CANDIDATES.

The following list contains the names of all candidates, so far as known for seats in the Federal Parliament:

THE SENATE.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Mr. J. C. NEILD (Senator) J. A. STYLES (M.)

Mr. J. G. STEWART (Senator) J. G. MURRAY (M.)

Mr. NELLIE A. MAGEE (M.) F. H. DRAKE (M.)

J. O. MORSEY (S.)

VICTORIA.

(From Vacancies)

Mr. W. B. BEST (Senator) J. S. STYLES (M.)

Mr. G. H. WINE (M.)

Mr. T. ASHWORTH (M.) S. BAKER (L.)

E. FINNAR (L.)

W. A. TRENTHAM (M.) Miss VIDA GOLDSTEIN (M.)

Y. T. DERNHAM (M.) Mr. G. MUNSTER (L.)

J. E. T. TURNER (L.)

E. E. SMITH (L.)

QUEENSLAND.

Mr. PHILIP FRYE (M.) A. KIRK (L.)

Mr. FRANKLIN (L.) Mr. H. B. TINNING (L.)

Mr. H. B. NICHOLAS (L.) Mr. B. BRICKELL (L.)

J. C. GAFFNEY (L.)

Mr. H. BARTHOLOMEW (L.) Mr. W. STORR (L.)

J. E. BRADDON (M.) Mr. N. CAMERON (O.)

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Mr. J. E. SMITH (L.)

VICTORIAN LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

MIERLOH, Thursday. The lawn tennis champion ship was contested to day in splendid weather. During the morning Dunlop and Saxon played another round in the championship singles, and beat the former, 6 games to 4, 6 games to 4, 6 games to 4, 6 games to 4, 6 games to 4. The afternoon was devoted to the championship singles, Dunlop playing Saxon and Brooksby. The two matches were very similar, as in each case the odds could not be evened up, and a rather fatigued Saxon, but made a rather fight in the third set, which was won respectively by Dunlop and Brooksby, and which was won respectively by Dunlop and Brooksby by 6 and 4.

The gentlemen's singles provided some very interesting contests between Monash and Hove and Frankenstein and Melidon, the players being evenly matched. The results were:—

Mr. G. MUNSTER (L.) Mr. H. B. TINNING (L.)

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BALMAIN. Mr. JOHN DUNSTAN (L.)

J. C. WATSON (M.) Mr. T. G. TURNER (L.)

Mr. F. BROWN (L.)

Mr. CLARKE (M.) Mr. H. B. TINNING (L.)

Mr. K. MUNSTER (L.) Mr. H. B. TINNING (L.)

Mr. W. WILKS (L.) Mr. H. B. TINNING (L.)

Mr. G. H. SPENCE (M.) Mr. T. G. TURNER (L.)

Mr. H. LTD (L.) Mr. H. B. TINNING (L.)

T. H. THOMAS (L.)

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THE ELECTOR

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening

The day's business in the Stock and Share Market was on a limited scale, and remarkably free from fluctuations. Government securities were unaltered. Sales of foreign Commercial stocks, Sydney, were limited, and the commercial of Australia, preferential, at £25 ds. Australia Joint Stock, £100,000, at 25 ds; Australia Joint Stock, £100,000, at 25 ds; Sydney Ferries, 41s d, a rise of 4d; United Insurance were rather dear, having buyers at 88s 6d; Australian Gaslight were again quoted at 21s 6d; Foothills' Railway was sold at 30s; Colonial Sugar was quoted at 10s 6d, the previous quotation. Other stocks remained as last quo.

The following sales were reported on "Change to-day": Sydney Ferries, 41s 6d; M.J.B. Bank A deposits, 10c. 1d; and New South Wales Trusts and Co., 2s 6d. Australian Colonial Bank, 2s 6d; Australian Gaslight, 21s 6d; A.S.B. Bank B deposits, 10c. 1d. Closing quotations were:—

